

- C. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATIONS BANK.
- D. Take action to ensure that the manufacture of the mechanical equipment needed for libraries should be freed as far as possible from patent restrictions, restrictive trade agreements, cartelizations, etc.

VII. TECHNIQUE.—

- A. ENCOURAGE THE USE OF REPRODUCTION TECHNIQUE AS ONE OF THE ONLY WAYS BY WHICH THE WORLD WIDE NEED FOR PUBLICATIONS IN SHORT SUPPLY CAN BE MET.
- B. Study the availability of equipment and take positive action to assure efficient distribution.
- C. Encouragement of research into mechanical aids to learning and documentary reproduction. Help in the installation of experimental units in libraries.
- D. Encourage planned study of the organisational repercussions of new techniques.
- E. Keep watch on the commercial "cornering" of patents.
- F. PROMOTE STANDARDISATION OF CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS, BIBLIOGRAPHICAL TECHNIQUES AND PUBLICATION SIZES AND FORMATS.
- G. Encouragement of international federations to review educational standards in the training of librarians and information officers.
- H. Make arrangements for the publication of educational handbooks and practice manuals for librarians and information officers, in all languages.
- I. Seek the co-operation of architectural bodies and architects in improving library buildings.

VIII. UNESCO'S OWN LIBRARY.—

Maintenance of an efficient library and information service for the members of our committees and staff.

LIBRARY SCHOOL

Short Course for Librarians

TWENTY-ONE LIBRARIANS, mainly from the smaller public libraries, attended a short course at the Library School from January 13th to the 31st inclusive. Courses were given on basic reference books, fiction, children's books and library administration with some elementary work in classification and cataloguing. A feature of the course was a regular question period during which administrative problems presented by the librarians attending the course were discussed with five Faculty members and several other subject specialists.

Typical of such questions were the following: The number of books it is desirable to have in order to give opportunity for fair exchange to 2,000 borrowers and the staff necessary for efficient service to a similar number of readers; periodicals for a small library; and whether special collections (i.e. New Zealand collections) should be "Museum" pieces for reference only, or made available for loan. The opportunity of gaining first hand acquaintance with a considerable range of basic library tools was much appreciated. The success of this course and the enthusiasm of the librarians attending it has been most encouraging.

—A.G.B.

PERSONAL

Mr W. Colgan has been appointed Librarian at the Municipal Reference Library, Auckland Town Hall.

Mr D. C. Davie has been appointed Bookbinder at the Dunedin Public Library.

Miss N. Gordon has returned to the Otago University Library after a year on the staff of the Library School.

Miss A. Woodhouse has retired from the position of Reference Librarian, Alexander Turnbull Library. For the latter part of her twenty years' service she was also in charge of the library's catalogue and acted as Librarian during the absence of the librarian overseas. Our best wishes are extended to her in her retirement.

Miss M. Campbell, cataloguer, Wellington Public Library, has accepted the position of Office Administrator of the Friends' International Centre, Shanghai.

Students of the 1946 class at the Library School have taken up new appointments as follows:

Auckland Public Libraries—R. Duthie, Reference Librarian. General Assembly Library—R. C. Lamb, Library Assistant. National Library Service—Auckland; S. D. Thomson, Armed Forces Library. Christchurch; P. M. Deans, Library Assistant, L. F. Gardiner, Library Assistant. Wellington: G. A. Albert, B. A. Colhoun, Library Assistants, Schools; M. Dunne, Library Assistant, Reference; G. E. Eichbaum (seconded to Education Dept.); E. A. Franklin, Field Librarian; L. D. Gilmour, Library Assistant, Schools; H. Macaskill, In Charge, Schools; W. J. McEldowney, Reference Librarian; J. I. Moreland, Library Assistant, National Centre; E. Lever-Naylor, Library Assistant, Catalogue; R. N.